

**City of Evansville Common Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville WI 53536  
Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

**Minutes**

1. **Call to order**-The meeting was called to order by Hurlley at 6:01 pm.
2. **Roll call-**

Members	Present/Absent	Others Present
Aldersperson, Jim Brooks	P	City Administrator, Jason Sergeant
Aldersperson, Rick Cole	A	Community Development Director, Colette Spranger
Aldersperson, Dianne Duggan	P	City Clerk, Darnisha Haley
Mayor, Bill Hurlley	P	Library Director, Megan Kloeckner
Aldersperson, Ben Ladick	P	Attorney, Mark Kopp
Aldersperson, Susan Becker	P	Brian Berquist-Town & Country Engineering
Aldersperson, Gene Lewis	P	Other members of the general public
Aldersperson, Joy Morrison	P	
Aldersperson, Erika Stuart	P	

3. **Approval of agenda**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed 7-0.
4. **Approval of Minutes**-Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to waive the reading of the minutes of the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting and approve as presented. There were two correction made under the Public Safety & the Municipal Services report. Motion passed 7-0
5. **Civility reminder**-Recognition of the commitment to civility and decorum at council meeting.
6. Citizen appearances other than agenda items listed.
  - A. Brian Berquist from Town and Country presented the Water Quality Report.
  - B. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Duggan to approve Resolution 2022-05 Authorized representative to file application for financial assistance from State of Wisconsin Environmental Improvement Fund. Motion passed 7-0.
7. Reports of Committees
  - A. Library Board Report-Kloeckner read the library report as follows:

General Updates

    - We have set up a Happiness Board in the lower level of the library. Stop by during the month of February and add a slip with what makes you happy.
    - Friends of the Library are having a winter book sale on February 25 and 26.
    - Partnering with BASE on the Annual Jazz & Friends National Day of Reading. This will be a virtual event on February 24.

- We received a certificate of commendation from the Governor’s office. You can read the document on our Facebook page.

### 2021 Statistics

- Offered 35 in-person programs
  - 243 attendance
- Offered 30 live, virtual programs
  - 353 attendance
- Offered 10 pre-recorded programs
  - 538 attendance
- Offered 179 self-directed activities
  - 2,967 attendance
- Total programs offered: 254
  - 4,101 attendance

**B. Youth Center Advisory Board Report-**Becker reported after the last council meeting discussion the word “safe” has been added to the mission statement. There was discussion on the values to back up the mission statement, there were a few board members that were not present so this item was tabled until the February meeting. The February Youth Center meeting has been rescheduled for Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>.

**C. Plan Commission Report-**

- 1) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the Final Land Divider’s Agreement-Settler’s Grove. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 2) Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve Community Survey. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.

**D. Finance and Labor Relations Committee Report**

- 1) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to accept the January 2022 city bills as presented in the amount of \$4,714,067.38. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 2) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve Resolution 2022-06 Amending the City of Evansville Fee Schedule. Motion passed 7-0
- 3) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the City of Evansville Credit Card Policy. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 4) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Morrison to approve the City of Evansville Remote Work Policy. Motion passed 7-0
- 5) Duggan made a motion, seconded by Brooks to approve the renewal of the Employee Assistance Program agreement. Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- 6) Wage Study Discussion

**E. Public Safety Committee Report-**Duggan reported both the EMS and Police Dept. have been continuing training as scheduled. Chief Reese has helped with a certification for another municipality. He also has some good ideas for potential changes to our police dept to make it more streamlined and handle the evidence better. The police dept. is also looking to get some sort of ventilation in the evidence room to keep every safe if there may be some sort of substance release.

**F. Municipal Services Report-**Brooks reported the AMI project is still delayed due to chip shortage. About 200 meters short on the water side from moving forward.

The anticipation of switching to NorthStar in 2022 is looking increasingly unlikely. There's a 4<sup>th</sup> generation AMI that is currently being tested for compatibility in Sun Prairie. In 2022 Evansville Water & Light is eligible for a scholarship from WPPI to one of the APPA Conferences.

- G. **Economic Development Committee**-Sergeant reported the committee discussed how that committee can interface with the comp plan process.
  - H. **Parks and Recreation Board Report**-Morrison reported the Lake Leota Dam repair project is at the DNR level and they are doing a final review on the design files and the city is waiting to hear the results. Following that would be the letter of approval then bids can be gathered. The library will be holding a poet tree event that will be for all ages. This event involves reading, poetry and walking around Lake Leota Park. MSA is finishing the design phase for Westside Park, pool and splash pad. Sergeant reported there have been a lot of progressive meetings with MSA primarily getting them connected with individuals about a community garden and neighbors having some questions and concerns, MSA will be following up with them. Next month there will be a discussion next month regarding the bids for similar project which have come in about 19%-20% higher than anticipated. Sergeant also reported that the Baker Street Campaign is having trouble getting Capital Campaign Committee members. Morrison furthered reported there has been interest for an indoor pool and adopt a park volunteers have signed up for all the designated areas. A big thank you to all those who signed up to adopt a park.
  - I. **Historic Preservation Commission**-Lewis reported the following:
    - 1) 433 S First- Discussion on demolition of the Carriage house. Application for window & siding. All items were tabled for future discussion and review
    - 2) 23 W Main- Discussion on replacement windows & remove of chimney. These items were tabled for futures discussion and review.
    - 3) Started discussion for the preservation hero awards for 2022.
  - J. **Fire District Report**-Brooks reported the EAP was reinforced to all staff. The Auditors are on their way.
  - K. **Police Commission Report**-Did not meet
  - L. **Energy Independence Team Report**-Brooks reported the discussed the Comp Plan and how the Energy Independence Team goals fit in with the generation of a new chapter on sustainability in the comp plan. There was also discussion on the energy plan project with Milton & Edgerton.
  - M. **Board of Appeals Report**-Did not meet
8. **Unfinished Business**-None
9. **Communications and Recommendations of the Administrator**- Working with Julie on updated the CIP. They are working on integrating bits and pieces and price increase that came across their desk during the initial budget process with department heads. This is in preparation of an updated borrowing plan from Ehlers before any official borrowing for the pool project.
- A. WI League of Municipalities Training Information

**10. Communications and Recommendations of the Mayor**

- A. Brooks made a motion, seconded by Stuart to approve the committee citizen appointment of:
- 1) Jon Alling to an unexpired term to the Economic Development Committee
  - 2) Sarah Krause to an unexpired term to the Zoning Board of Appeals
  - 3) Amanda Drennan for a five-year term to the Board of Review
  - 4) Norman Barker to an unexpired term to the Historic Preservation Commission
  - 5) Bill Lathrop as an Alternate for a five-year term to the Board of Review
- Motion passed 7-0 on a roll call vote.
- B. Discussion on decorum and ethics for closed session meetings

**11. New Business-None**

**12. Introduction of New Ordinances**

- A. First reading of Ordinance 2022-01 Amending Section 106-133 Application for permit; bond.
- B. First reading of Ordinance 2022-02 Rezoning 3 Parcels to R-2

**13. Meeting Reminder**

- A. Regular meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00 p.m.

**14. Adjourn**

Darnisha Haley, City Clerk

**The minutes are not official until approved by the Common Council at the next regular meeting.**